For Them - a Brighter World

SHRINERS HOSPITALS for CRIPPLED CHILDREN

A Message from the Founder of Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children

This booklet brings to you, both in word and in picture, a message from the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children. It is but a brief presentation of the great and good work of our sixteen institutions — their surgical and medical achievement, their administration and activities. As one reviews what is contained on the following pages, and takes into account the history of this, "The World's Greatest Philanthropy," now past the quarter-of-a-century mark, he cannot fail to be impressed by its accomplishments, which, interpreted in facts and figures, is a glorious and thankful thing to behold.

Approximately one hundred and fifty thousand underprivileged boys and girls, given the best and most skilful treatment, comfort and attention that money and loving care can command or provide, is indeed a record worthy of the consideration of every charitably-minded person. It is not merely a task undertaken with personal pride, but a God-given opportunity and privilege to serve in a truly humanitarian way; a living, vital enterprise that is boundless. How apparent this should be to all, for are not Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, in this very generation and for all time, helping to make replacements in the ranks of humanity?

May the thought, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me," be forever enthroned in our hearts, that these havens of hope and assurance of a better day for the underprivileged crippled child shall have the unfailing support in dedicated lives, loving hearts and liberal giving.

Sincerely yours,

W. Forbes Hendrick

Chairman

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To the Glory of God and to all Humankind regardless of Race, Creed or Color, Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children are Dedicated

For Them a Brighter World

A world where new footholds on life are gained through the physical uplift, care and wholesome companionship received in Shriners Hospitals.

A world not faced with handicaps, but one which assures a full measure of self-dependency, equality in life tasks, and participation in the advantages and privileges of human society.

A world of increased faith and hope; of unbounding joy, confidence and strength.

For as these physically restored boys and girls leave these havens of hope, healing and health, they cross thresholds to more victorious, radiant living. It is "For Them a Brighter World."

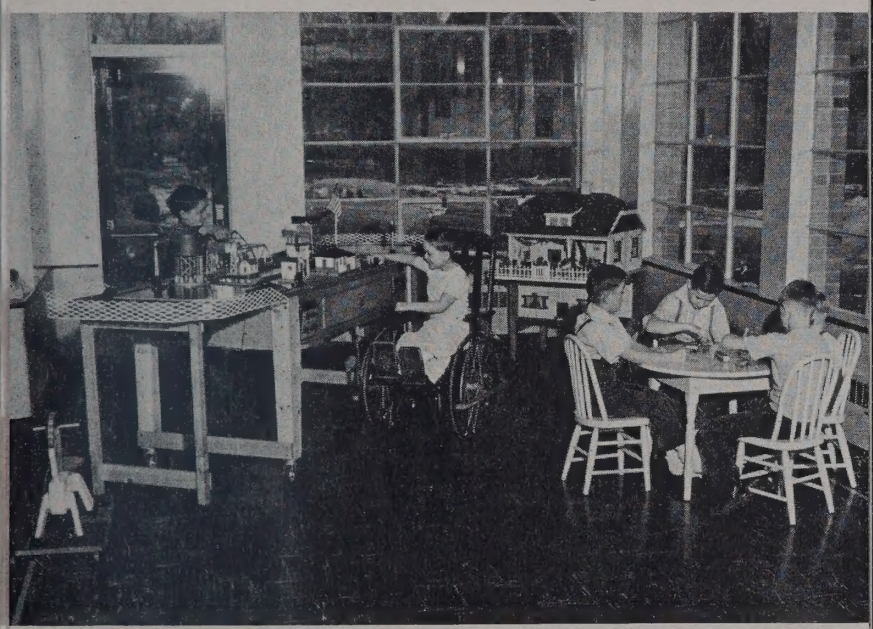
Shriners Hospitals Are With Them All the Way

Life holds for all of us many opportunities for service and sacrifice in behalf of suffering humanity. If we are to be true to our convictions and our faith, and that faith is to grow and endure, it must be shared in the lives of others, for it is an empty life that lives unto itself.

"With them all the way" is the motto of Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children; a declaration of faith, service and sacrifice in behalf of every less-privileged crippled boy and girl, regardless of race, color or creed, who enters any of the sixteen Shriners Hospitals. To see them through all the way until little bodies are physically re-formed and strengthened, and lives sweetened for years to come. That declaration is a sacred thing; a commitment that we are truly

They never stop needing us. The continuous stream of less-privileged crippled boys and girls calls for our continued devotion and a generous measure of giving.

Children of ten different racial backgrounds



Solariums make beneficial playrooms

Yes, birthdays are happily celebrated here.

practicing our faith. And in doing this are we not matching their faith in us? And is not such a faith a call and a challenge to more generous sharing of our possessions in order that the thousands of crippled, deformed and maimed children yet to come shall have the same assurance of our being with them all the way? The understanding heart will answer, and willingly.

Shriners Hospitals Have Come a Long Way Since 1922

For it was in that year that the first of these sixteen, favorably situated havens of hope, healing and health, was established, inaugurating what was to become a philanthropy outstanding in the realm of human welfare. And while it is with a modest degree of satisfaction we, as members of the Shrine of North America, view the accomplishments of these institutions, yet we are not unmindful of the deep and abiding interest and exceeding generosity of thousands of others whose support has been a most heartening and beneficent factor.

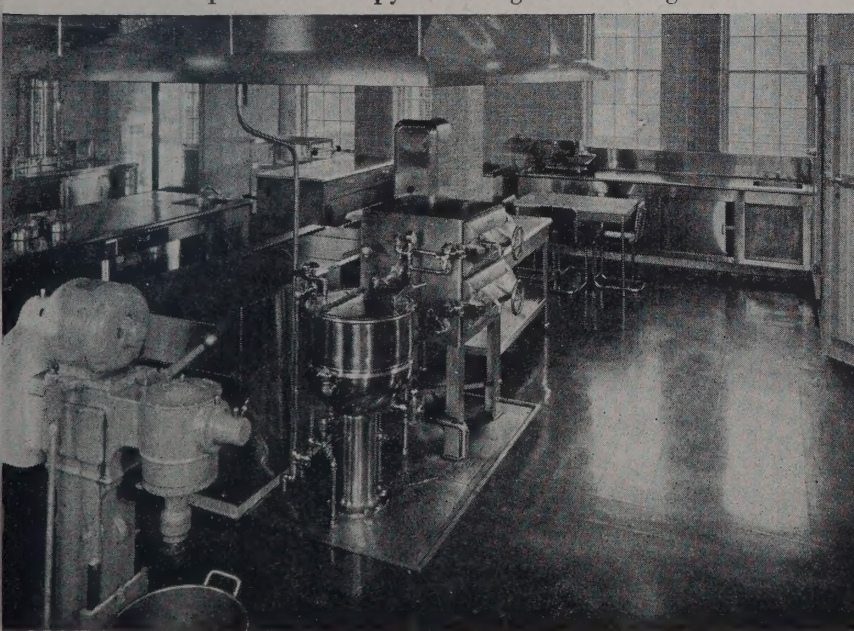
A Triumphant Procession of Physically Restored Boys and Girls

A procession of approximately 150,000 has passed through Shriners Hospitals since the vision and ideals of this great and enduring philanthropy were translated into action only twenty-six years ago. Triumphantly they have marched forward, walking in newness of life, physically unhampered for the joyous activities of childhood and the tasks of later years. Certainly the voices and prayers of parents are lifted heavenward to Him in gratitude for this restoration.

Toys make for joys in the hearts of little ones. Christmas is a homelike event in every one of the sixteen Shriners Hospitals.

Grace has its rightful place at this lunch table

Occupational therapy. Weaving and knitting

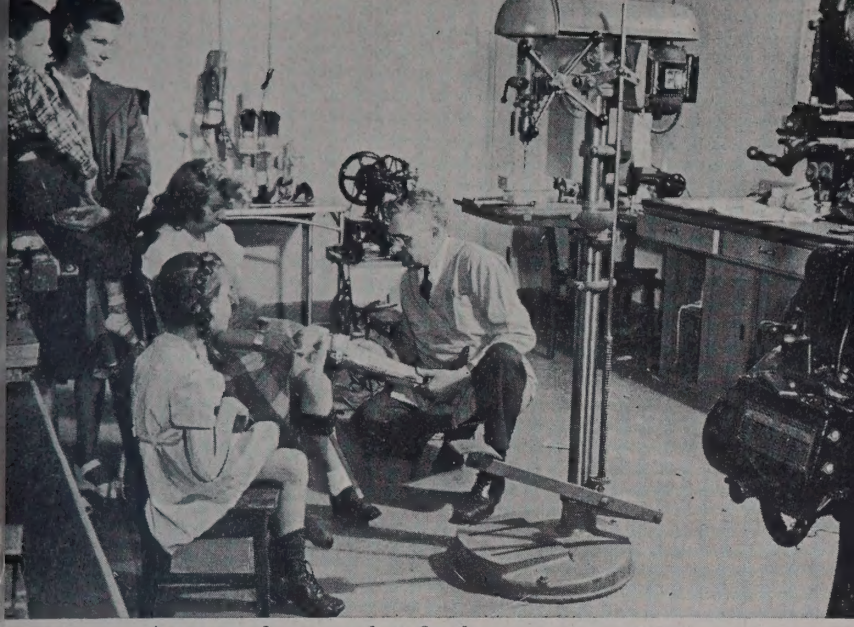


A modern stainless steel and tiled kitchen

No dearth of human sunshine in this boys' ward

Nimble fingers make many useful things here

Every Hospital has its regular schooling period



A master brace maker fits braces to a patient

Every advantage is taken of sunshine and fresh air

Well on their way to recovery is this happy group

No Deserving Case Is Turned Away

Any afflicted child, regardless of race, color or creed, who shall not have reached the fourteen-year age limit and whose parents are unable to afford medical services, is admissible to a Shriners Hospital after decision by the surgeon in charge that his or her case is orthopaedic. The signature of parents and that of a physician who might have attended the child, together with that of a member of the Shrine acting as a sponsor, immediately places the child's name on the waiting list.

Activities and Routine Both Indoors and Out

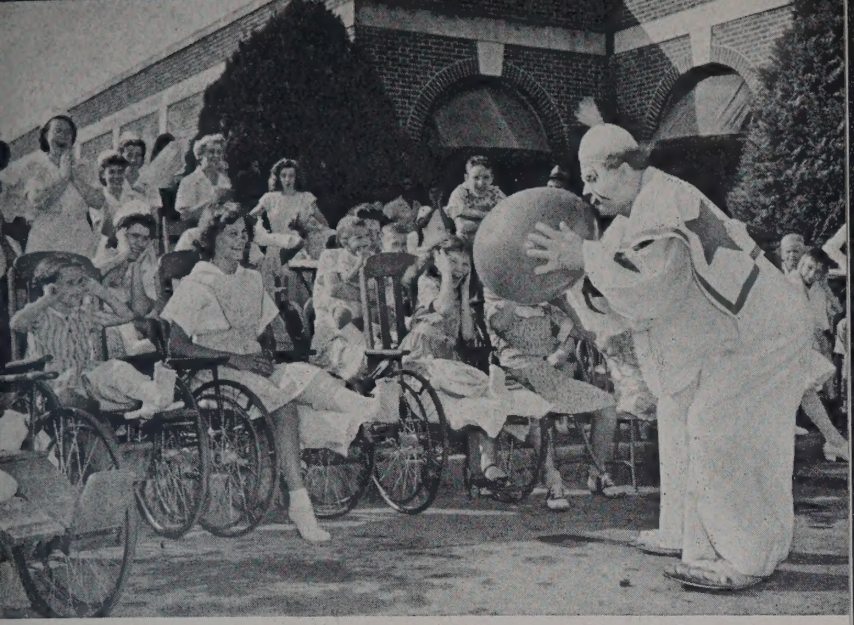
Pictures appearing throughout this booklet convey a general idea of life at Shriners Hospitals. In addition to education such as is afforded in local public schools, manual training occupies the attention of both boys and girls, no little degree of talent being shown by many. Music, games, playroom and playground activity provide the necessary exercise for youthful enjoyment and physical betterment.

Shriners Hospitals Reflect an Atmosphere of Homeness

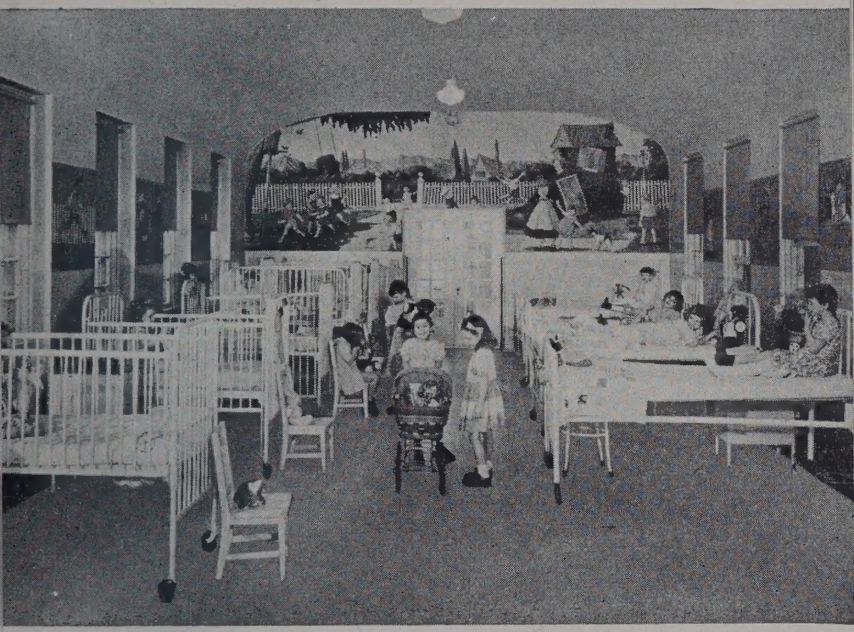
There is nothing to remind one that these Hospitals are strictly institutional in the hard sense of the word. "Temples of Mercy" we prefer to call them, where the boys and girls have, within reason and according to the nature of their medical treatment or correction, full play of their individual inclinations. Surroundings and environment are in keeping with the child idea. Skilled orthopaedic surgeons, dentists, superintendents, nurses and attendants whose experience and sympathetic understanding are devoted to the wide scope and highly professional order of service here, calls for gratitude and praise beyond expression.

Equipment and appliances are the most scien-

This smiling little miss, like hundreds of others, Shriners Hospital patients, rides right into our hearts. Playthings are provided by many kind donors.



It's a big day when circus folk visit a Hospital



A picturesque setting in a tidy and roomy ward

"Watching the birdie." Fun for little ones in a playroom

tific and modern known to and approved by the medical profession. A very important department in every Hospital is the brace shop. Here the master brace maker, employing special machines and tools, ingeniously designs and fashions braces and appliances to each particular case. And this expensive equipment is furnished without cost to all little patients whose condition calls for it.

Capable Administration

The direction and management of Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children is entrusted to the Board of Trustees who regularly direct and review the administrative, financial and other operational phases of the sixteen units. Local Boards of Governors, comprised of Shriners who serve gratuitously, are directly responsible to the Board of Trustees for the administration of their respective institutions.

Chief surgeons of each Hospital, who receive compensation for their services, are recommended by the Advisory Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons, comprised of five who are outstanding in their profession in this country.

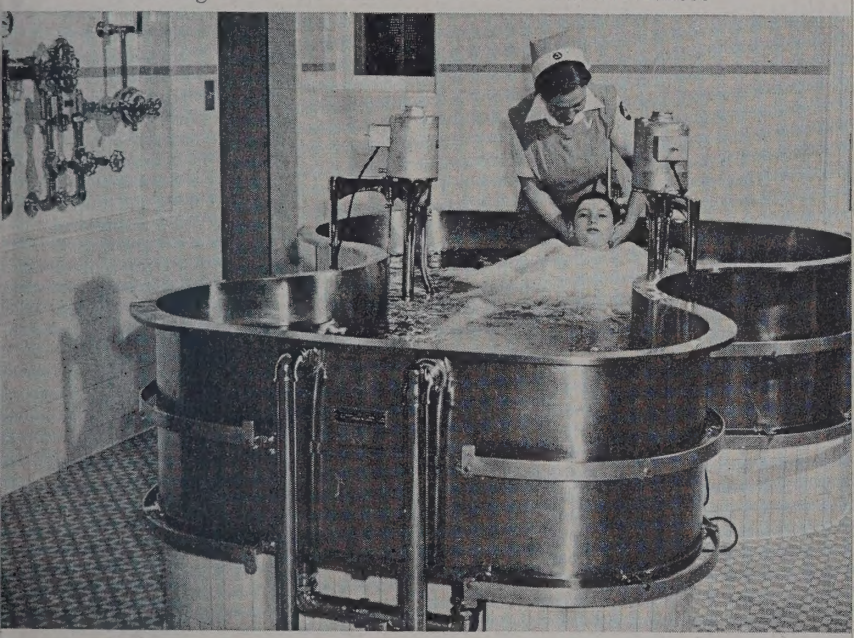
The Hospitals–How Supported

Shriners Hospitals are largely supported and maintained through annual assessment of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, through contributions of individuals, charitable, fraternal and other organizations, and bequests and devises in wills and other testamentary dispositions of persons throughout North America. The Board of Trustees and Local Boards of Governors invite the consideration of all who might wish to direct their gifts, during their lifetime or thereafter, to the support of this great and enduring philanthropy.

For the guidance of donors, suggested forms of bequests and devises together with information concerning the Permanent Contributing Membership and Voluntary Permanent Subscriber plans appear elsewhere in this booklet.

Friendships begin at an early age in Shriners Hospitals, aiding recovery and forming happy memories.

Nursing demonstration to affiliated student nurses



Polio treatment in a circulating hydrotherapy tank

Dental health is essential in the recovery program

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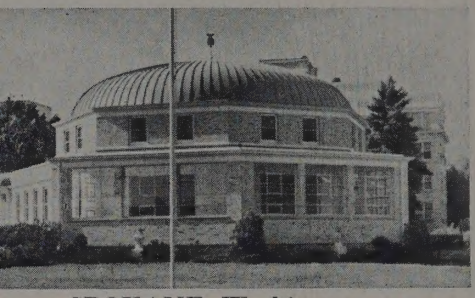
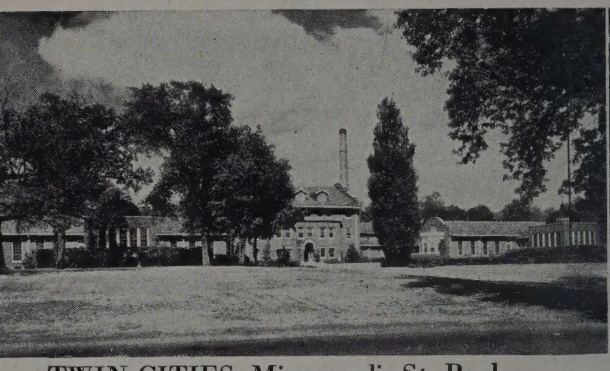


SPOKANE, Washington

GREENVILLE



TWIN CITIES, Minneapolis-St. Paul

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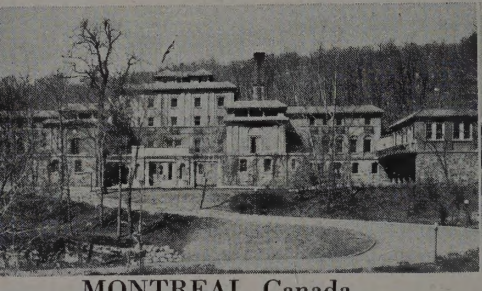

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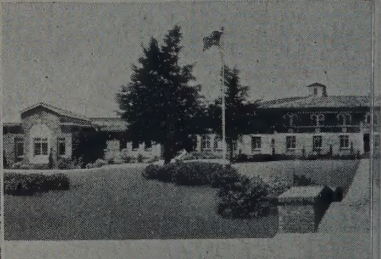

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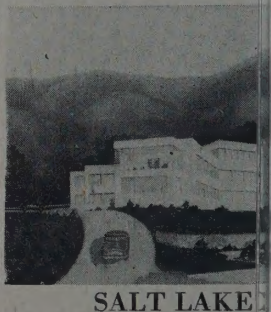

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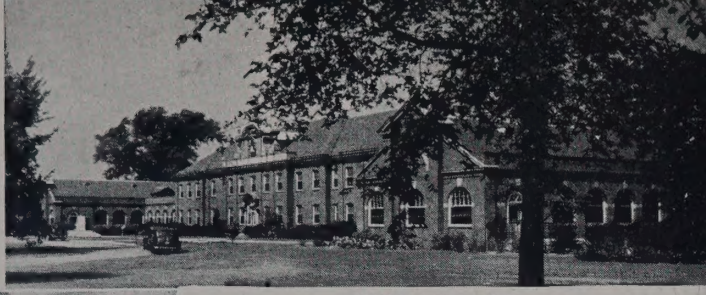

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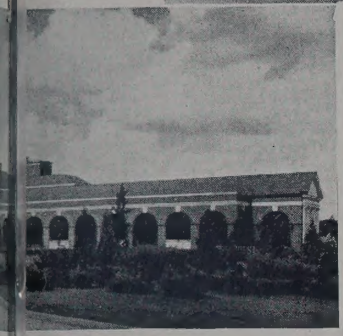

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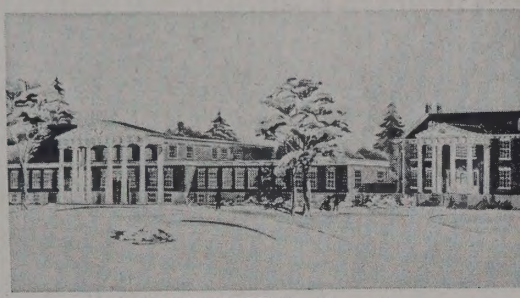

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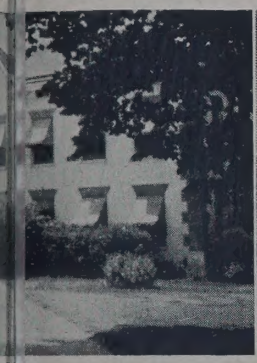

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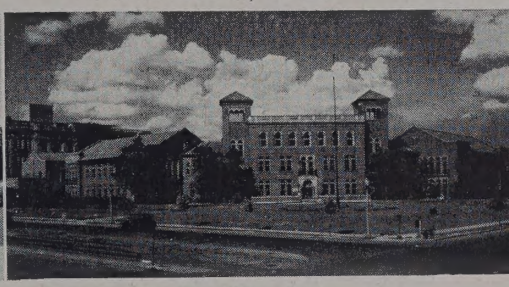

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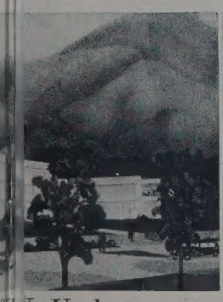

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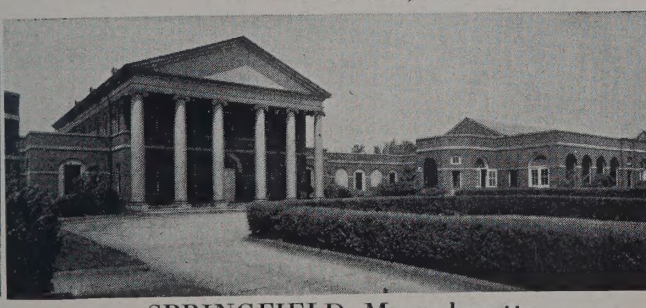

SPRINGFIELD, Massachusetts

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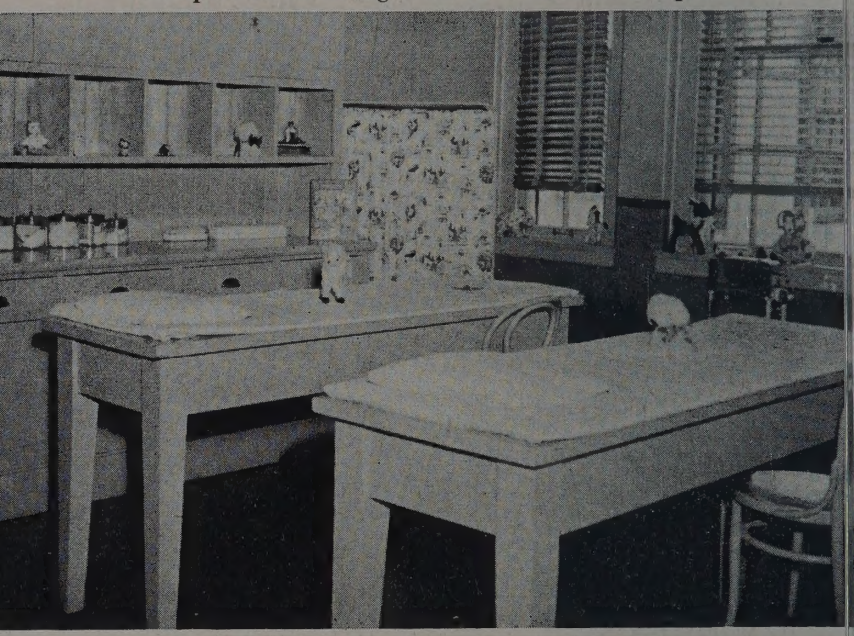
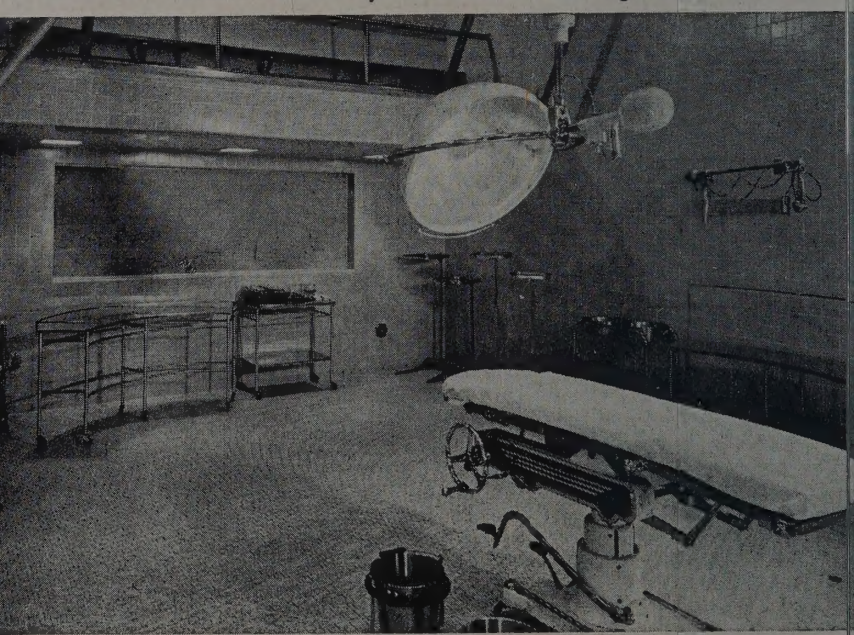
"Regardless of Race, Creed or Color"

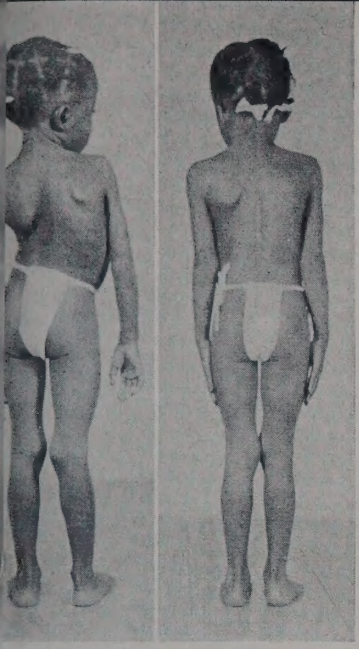
Out-patient receiving room in a Shriners Hospital



Cleanliness everywhere. An examining room



No expense spared in equipping the surgeries

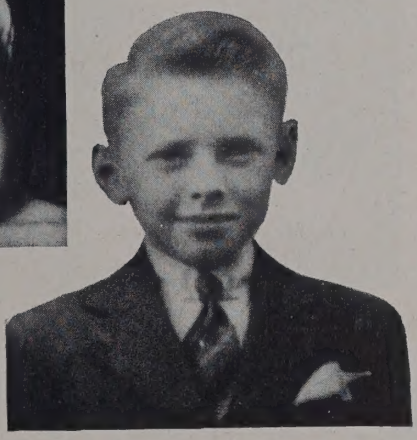


Example of correction of a spinal deformity

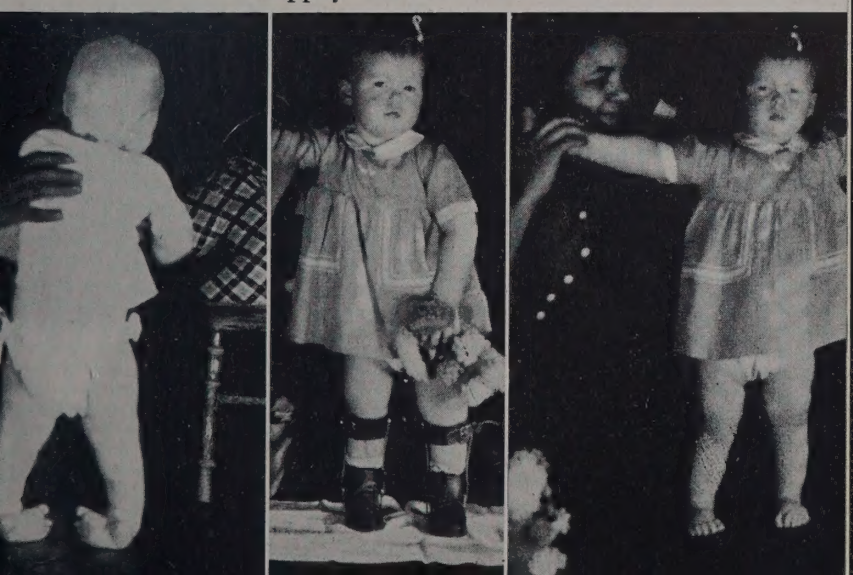
Release from Physical Bondage

The actual photographic reproductions appearing on this and the following five pages are but a few of the thousands of cases recorded in Shriners Hospitals. The objection to exhibiting many extreme cases precludes their showing here. One cannot fail to recognize, through comparison of pictures of each case, the miraculous physical restoration which has been achieved. Could anything be more revealing, that it is "For Them a Brighter World"?

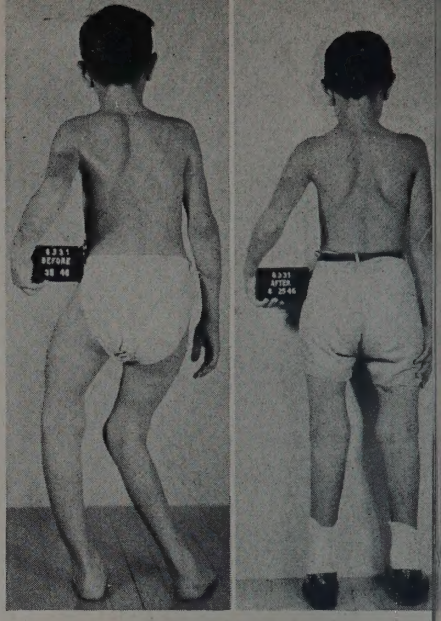
Correction of Congenital Torticollis, commonly known as wry neck.



The "one, two, three" of a club foot case. One, as the child was received. Two, braces. Three, corrected and happily "on her own."



To completely endow every Shriners Hospital is the aim of this great philanthropy. Your bequest, your gifts, your earnest support will help to hasten the day.



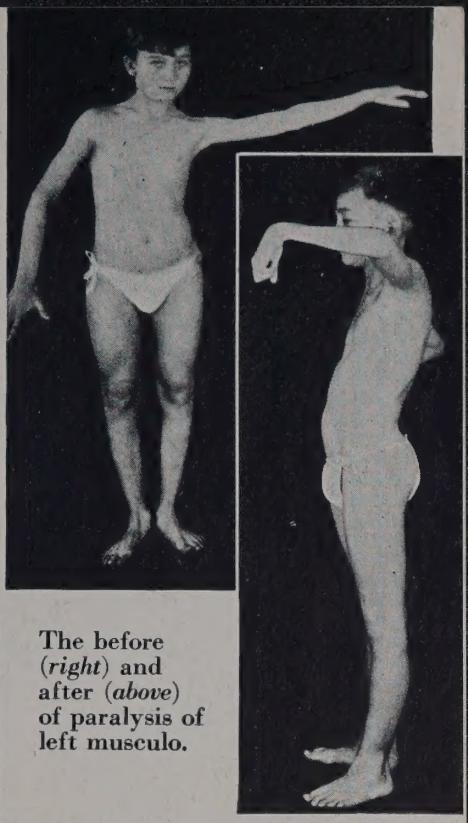
What might his future have been if this lad had not received treatment?

We just can't refuse the appeal of cases such as these.

"And now she has ten." A correction that calls for your smile, too.

For more than fifteen years this faithful barber has been in charge of a Master Barbers local in gratuitously caring for the children's hair.

No task or endeavor has a greater claim on our humanitarian instinct than the cause of the less privileged crippled child.

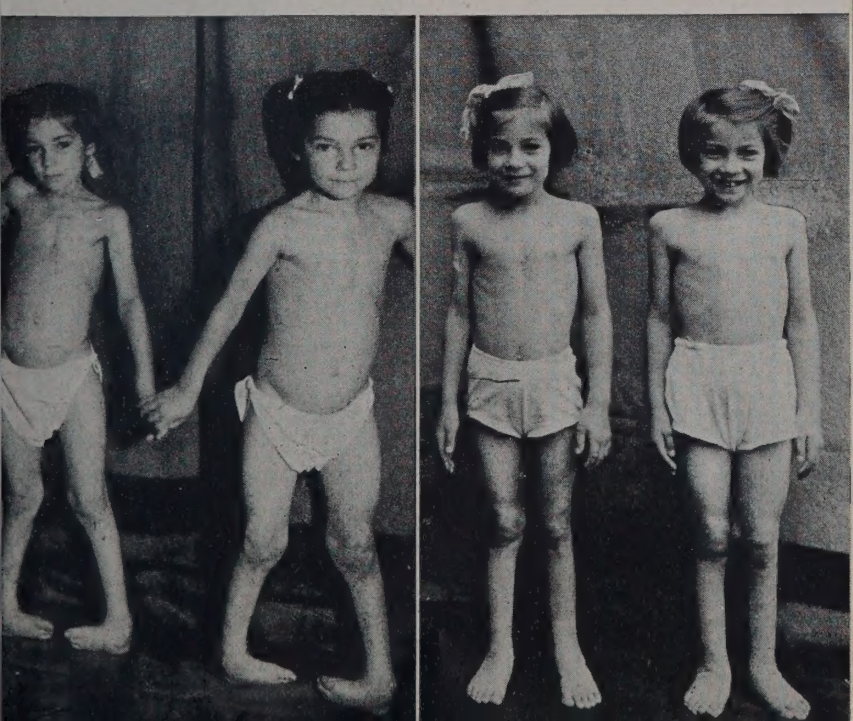


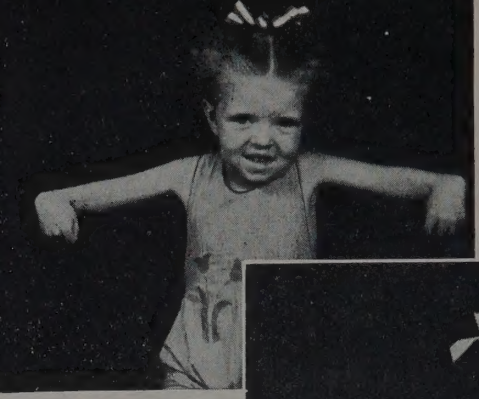
The before (*right*) and after (*above*) of paralysis of left musculo.

Pictures that best and fully tell the story.

The best and the most we have to give is not too much in support of Shriners Hospitals.

Congenital club feet. The smiles of these twins reflect "For Them a Brighter World."



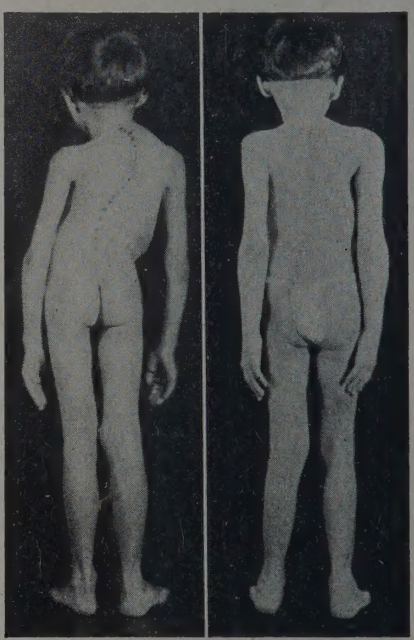


Tragic indeed if she had gone through life with such a physical handicap. How better now her chances.

Remember: no barriers exist here as to race, creed or color.

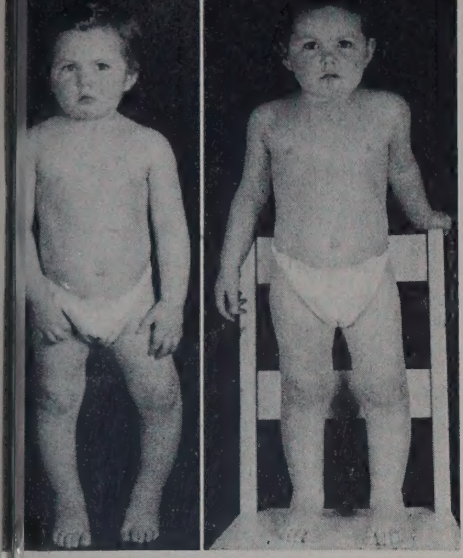
The faith and trust of these little ones is a glorious thing to behold.

A smile when he came and a smile when he left.



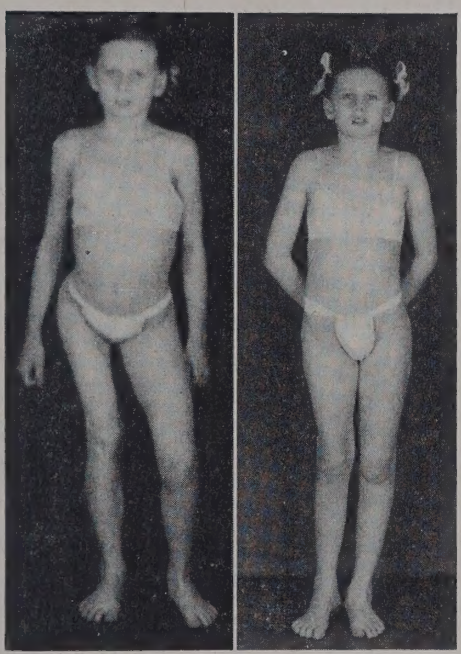
It is not difficult to observe the "miracle" which was performed on this lad's spine.

Relaxation and contentment. How the children do enjoy this underwater physiotherapy treatment.



Think what all this means to loving parents whose income makes it impossible to avail themselves of private medical practice.

Before-and-after of a case of bow-legs. Correction, one would say, is 100 per cent.



Nothing more persuasive than a visit to these Hospitals.

In four months this is what was accomplished. The case:

Flexian deformity from old septic ankylosed hip.

Smilingly this little five-and-one-half months old tot displays her "new" foot. The case: club foot.

Somewhat handicapped yet happy and willing in helping herself.

Two Desirable Contributing Plans Which Have Enjoyed Wide Participation

Permanent Contributing Memberships for Shriners
Voluntary Permanent Subscribers for Others

Enthusiastic and gratifying has been the response to the Permanent Contributing Plan. Temples everywhere are devotedly enlisting the interest and contributions of their members in assisting to permanently endow these institutions, which are woven into the very fabric of Shrinedom. As Nobles of the Mystic Shrine we should be eager to have a perpetual part in protecting, for all time, this great and worthy philanthropy. We must bring ourselves to the realization that Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children are not bounded by time but reach out into the timeless future. It should come to us as a challenge which should be met willingly and joyously. It means permanently identifying ourselves with something for which God cares, and in which His hand is seen. It is not something in which we need balance the evidence, for the almost miraculous restoration of little bodies is very real indeed.

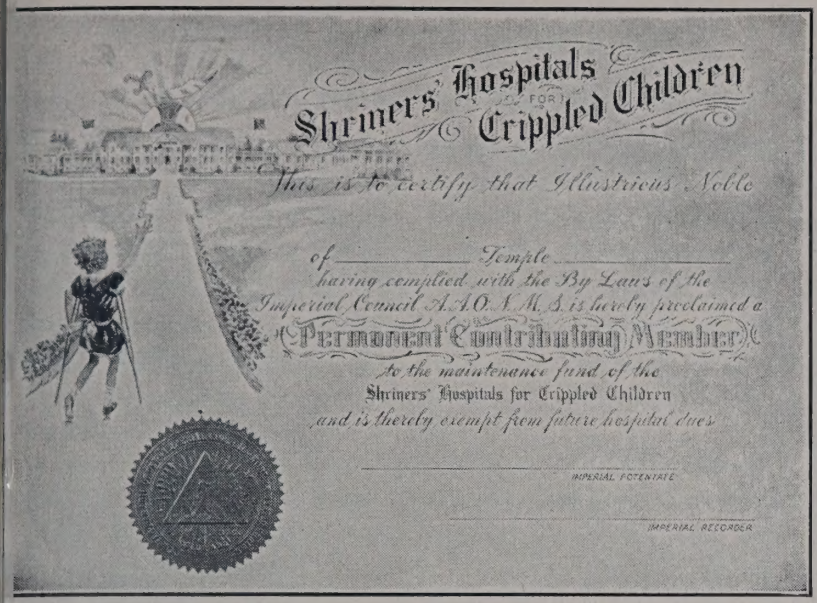
Your $60.00 will Help Perpetuate
Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children

To you who are Shriners—won't you confirm your everlasting contribution to the Hospitals, as over 120,000 other Shriners have done, and buy, NOW, at least ONE $60 Permanent Contributing Membership? Simply this: instead of paying the annual hospital dues of $2.00, lump your contribution into one sum of $60.00* and receive your certificate, shown in miniature reproduction on page 21, confirming your permanent contribution to the Hospitals. The amount may be paid in cash, or in installments over the period of a year. Upon completion of payment, the $2.00 annual dues will no longer be assessed.

Income Only to Be Used

The principal remains intact. Thus your contributing membership is directed toward two very worthy objectives—victorious living for underprivileged, crippled boys and girls, and investment in U. S. Government Bonds.

*Deductible from your Income Tax.



Voluntary Contributing Subscribers

This membership idea was created for subscriptions ranging from $60.00* upward from those individuals who are not members of the Shrine of North America, as well as from fraternal and civic organizations, societies, churches, etc., with the desire to assist in perpetuating this far-reaching and merciful undertaking. The Hospitals have been blessed with many of these subscriptions. The certificate issued to Voluntary Permanent Subscribers is similar to that shown above.

As a Memorial to Others

The suggestion is respectfully offered here that these memberships might take the form of a memorial to a relative or friend, living or departed, whose life and deeds have been identified with some worthy endeavor, perhaps these very Hospitals themselves. Such memorials become perpetual remembrances, for the principal represented is immediately placed in the endowment fund of Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children. Permanent Membership or Voluntary Membership may be purchased from the Recorder of any Shrine Temple, or from:

W. Freeland Kendrick,
Chairman National Board of Trustees
Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children
1142 Widener Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

*Deductible from your Income Tax.

Information Concerning Bequests

To the Board of Trustees and Local Boards of Governors frequently comes the request, from lawyers and others, for information as to the surest method of bequeathing sums of money, securities or other personal property, or devising real property to Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children. Legal representatives of the Hospitals have prepared the following forms of bequests and devises, and information in carrying out the wishes of the donor.

Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children deeply appreciate the interest of the legal profession in their consideration and recommendation of bequests and devises in favor of these institutions. Should further information be desired, we suggest that you get in touch with the Recorder of the Shrine Temple in your locality or with a member of the Shrine.

Suggested Forms of Bequests

Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children

(For use in the United States)

DONOR DRAWING HIS OWN WILL:

I give, devise and bequeath to the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, the sum of.....
Dollars ($.....), absolutely.

SPECIAL BEQUESTS TO PARTICULAR HOSPITALS:

I give, devise and bequeath unto Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, a Corporation, the sum of.....
.....Dollars ($.....)
absolutely, to be used exclusively for the benefit of the Hospital located in the City of....., State of..... (Commonwealth of.....), owned, operated and maintained by said Corporation.

If the bequest is intended for the Hospital located in Springfield, Mass., the beneficiary should be described as "The Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, a Massachusetts Corporation."

GENERAL BEQUEST:

I give, devise and bequeath to Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, a Corporation, the sum of.....
.....Dollars
($.....) absolutely, for the use and benefit of the Hospitals owned, operated and maintained by said Corporation.

The quality of our lives has much to do with what we do for others.

REAL ESTATE BEQUEST:

Note.—If real estate is bequeathed instead of cash, bonds or securities, then the following should be submitted:

I give, devise and bequeath to Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, a Corporation, all that certain parcel of land (here describe the real estate), for the use and benefit of the Hospitals owned, operated and maintained by said Corporation. Said Corporation shall have absolute power of sale of said real estate.

TRUST FORM:

I give, devise and bequeath unto Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, a Corporation, the sum of.....Dollars ($.....) absolutely, to be invested in such securities as directed by the Board of Trustees of the Hospitals, or their successors in office, the income of which shall be used for the operation and maintenance of the Hospitals owned, operated and maintained by said Corporation.

RESIDUARY CLAUSE:

I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real and personal, of which I may die seized, possessed or otherwise entitled, to Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, a Corporation, absolutely, for the use and benefit of the Hospitals owned, operated and maintained by said Corporation.

LIFE INSURANCE POLICY BEQUEST:

I hereby designate, under Policy No.....issued by the.....Insurance Company, Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, a Corporation, for the use and benefit of the Hospitals (or the Hospital located at .....) owned, operated and maintained by said Corporation.

(If you desire to name a Contingent Beneficiary, we suggest the following.)

(John or Mary Doe), (relation) of the Insured, if (she or he) survives the Insured, otherwise, to Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, a Corporation, absolutely, for the use and benefit of the Hospitals (or the Hospital located at.....) owned, operated and maintained by said Corporation.

(FOR USE IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA)

Any of the foregoing forms may be used in the Dominion of Canada except that in such cases the name of the Beneficiary should be Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, a Corporation incorporated under the Companies Act of the Dominion of Canada and Amendments thereto, and if possible the same should be made free of Legacy and Succession Duties.

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Statistical Information for the Year Ending February 29, 1948

Number of beds daily 698

Number patients discharged from Hospitals—Benefited or cured 2,801

Average length of stay, days 104

Waiting list end of year 1,111

Clinic visits, independent of service rendered in the beds of Hospitals 23,543

Number braces furnished 2,484

Number X-rays taken 18,406

Number casts applied 14,854

Number physical therapy treatments 53,893

Number operations 4,873

Number patients on whom operations were performed 3,242

Total Hospital expenses for above period (15 Hospitals) $1,608,847.45

Life Membership Fund

Life Memberships sold during the year totaled $941,569.10

Total Life Memberships sold to date 120,697

Total in Life Membership Fund as of above date $7,396,298.08

Contributions received from Shriners, Shrine Temples, organizations and individuals $569,789.29

We now have in the Life Membership Fund (as of February 29, 1948), $7,396,298.08. These are Government Bonds.

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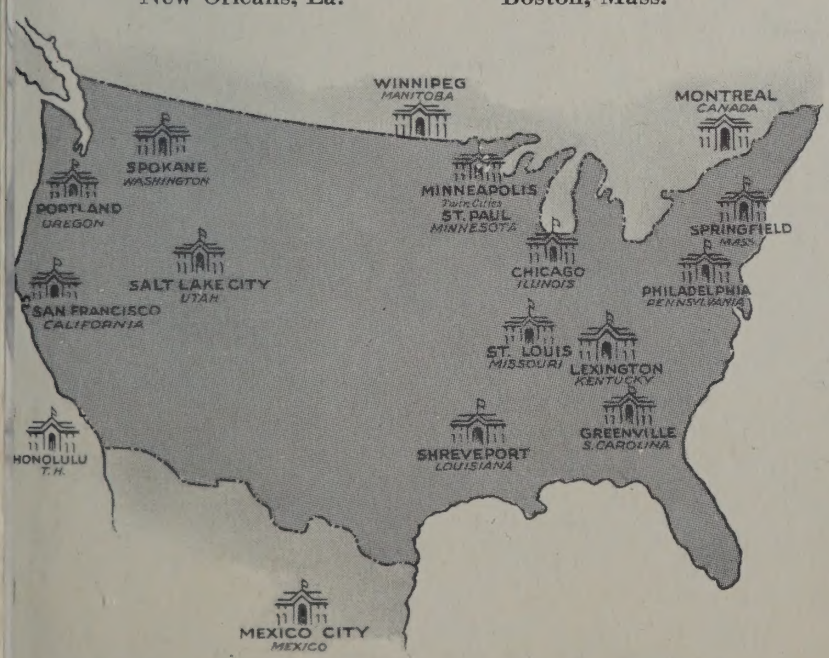

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